

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT C. ARANT, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. C07-0509RSL

ORDER IMPOSING SANCTIONS;
SEALING DOCUMENT

This matter comes before the Court on its order to show cause. On March 24, 2008, the Court ordered Arant to show cause why the Court should not impose sanctions against him in the amount of \$1,000. Specifically, the Court explained,

In Arant's motion to dismiss and opposition to the government's motion, he has intentionally misrepresented the names of three cases involving judges who engaged in criminal and highly inappropriate conduct.¹ Arant substituted the Court's name for the real judges' names in the case captions, apparently for the sole purpose of denigrating the Court. Arant, as a party to this action, is required

¹ The three cases Arant misrepresented are United States v. Lanier, 520 U.S. 259 (1997); Archie v. Lanier, 95 F.3d 438 (6th Cir. 1996); and State of Oklahoma v. Donald D. Thompson, CF-2005-16 (2003) (unreported).

1 to be truthful in all of his filings before the Court. Instead, his conduct in this
2 regard is blatantly dishonest and disrespectful. Arant's conduct also violates Rule
3 11(b)(1) because the information in the filing is intentionally inaccurate and
4 intended to harass.

5 In addition, Arant's citation to the cases was wholly gratuitous. The issues in this
6 case have nothing to do with whether other judges committed criminal acts in the
7 past or with Arant's opinions of judges in general or this Court in particular. The
8 Court therefore strikes paragraph 1.3 of Arant's motion to dismiss.

9 Pursuant to Rule 11 and the Court's inherent authority, it appears appropriate to
10 issue sanctions against Arant for intentionally misrepresenting the facts and nature
11 of caselaw before the Court. It further appears that sanctions in the amount of
12 \$1,000 is appropriate given the severity of the misrepresentation and to deter
13 similar conduct in the future.

14 (Dkt. # 59 at pp. 7-8). Arant has filed a response to the order to show cause in which he
15 freely admits that he intentionally misrepresented legal authority.² For this reason, and
16 for the reasons set forth in its prior order to show cause, the Court hereby SANCTIONS
17 Arant in the amount of \$1,000 payable to the Clerk of Court (Sanctions) within thirty
18 days of the date of this order.

19 In addition, the Clerk of the Court is directed to seal Arant's motion to dismiss
20 (Dkt. #56) to remove the erroneous, scandalous, harassing, and wholly gratuitous
21 citations from the public record. To further the public's right of access, the Clerk of
22 Court is further directed to file in the docket a redacted copy of the motion to dismiss.
23 The Clerk of the Court shall redact the erroneous citations in paragraph 1.3 on page two
24 of the motion to dismiss beginning with the signal "See" and ending when the citation
25 ends with

26 ² Arant's citations to cases involving criminal contempt orders are misplaced;
Arant is not being held in criminal contempt.

1 the double ampersand. No other portion of the motion to dismiss should be redacted.

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3 DATED this 24th day of April, 2008.

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6 Robert S. Lasnik
7 United States District Judge
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